Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Myrtle Andersen is being honored today as Yankton Citizen of the year for a lifetime of dedicated service to the state of South Dakota, and especially to her community of Yankton; and

Whereas, Myrtle began her teaching career at a rural Viborg school in 1939, and completed her teaching career at Mount Marty College in 1989, to further impact South Dakota education by guiding future teachers. During her five decades as an educator, Myrtle taught countless students, now grown and well-educated, leading productive lives in our great state, and sharing their talents across the entire state of South Dakota and beyond; and,

Whereas, Myrtle's love for her profession included leadership as Past President with the Yankton Area Retired Teachers Association, her representation of YARTA at state meetings, as well as her membership with South Dakota Educator's Association, for which she presented at a State SDEA meeting; and,

Whereas, After the textbooks were closed and Myrtle retired from classroom teaching, her commitment to education continues through the impressionable lives of little ones she continues to tutor each week; and,

Whereas, Myrtle's greatest lesson shared with those nearest and dearest is her commitment to others. Born over 90 years ago, Myrtle is from a family of 16 children and grew up near Irene, South Dakota. Myrtle and her late husband, Andrew, were married for 52 years. Their son, Dr. David Andersen, an orthopedic surgeon, and his wife, Diane, live in St. Louis. She has 3 grandchildren, as well as a caring extended family located across this great state and beyond; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize the many noteworthy accomplishments of Myrtle Andersen, who will continue to teach others through her lifelong dedicated service:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 13, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with her family, friends, and the entire Yankton community to thank her for her service, and honor her as Yankton's Citizen of the Year.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth-sixth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State